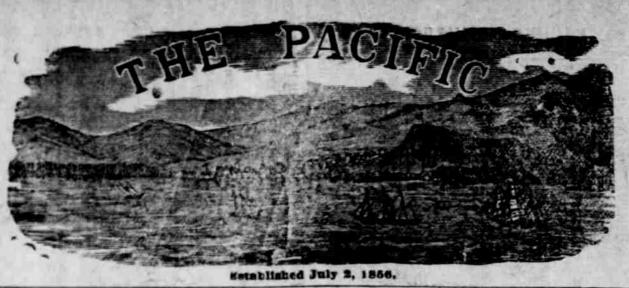
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at to a Japanese lodging house street across the river Chineso theater, A fight We or three Japanese had take fighters eluded him and iging house. He pursued the special. A search was the man presumed to be but nothing came to light exso-lershirt, which was soaked and several pieces of tissue likewise sonked, and evidently it stanching the wound. One Jap-

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Japanese Laborers Are Shot Down By Whites.

TWO ARE KILLED AND THREE ARE WOUNDED

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ended on Laysan Island.

Conquerors and vanquished, both, arthe bark Ceylon-except the dead.

ubels, repose in lonely graves on the Four against forty-those were the odds, four white men fighting desper-

ately against forty infurlated Japanese. And the white men conquered. It was on the evening of Saturday, August 11th, just three days after the bark Ceylon from Honolulu had arrived

MURDER THEIR PLAN.

The forty Japanese rose in a body, determined to annihilate all the white Siers Office Rooms 1-4, Arlington time. Bidding his wife to remain in man called his son and Captain Spilner, late of the Honolulu mounted paired and the engineer. Luhrs by name around him and together they went out to talk to the mob which had gathered between the white men's house and the Japanese quarters.

> Captain Spencer wanted to know what the trouble was, why it was that they gathered thus threateningly.

on the Island but would behave thereafter as best suited themselves. They the first man who stepped on the platwere carrying flags and waving them they cried and with that the whole mod excitedly and were armed with knives, charged us, shouting the while like clubs, stones and cutlasses made of hoop-fron sharpened.

DEFENDING THEIR LIVES.

They made a movement towards the platform upon which Captain Spencer and his friends stood. The white men whipped out their revolvers. Old Capin but one pair. Don't wear other lie raised a six-shooter in either hand. "The first man who steps upon this

"Shoot away!" cried the mob and at

moved quickly, Captain Spencer's trigger fingers moved quicker. Eight spoke to the point. Pistols in hands of ter the other. Two Japanese were killbusiness transacted. Better St. the other white men also had something ed and three wounded. The dead were

TWO ARE KILLED.

Two of the Japanese dropped dead. They were the foremost in the charge and were the leaders of the rebellion, Three others fell helpless, sorely wounded. It was night time when the fighting occurred, about 8 o'clock in the evening. Had it been by daylight more Japanese must have been killed for then would the aim of the defenders have been more effective.

the street, in which one is This business-like handling of the have been badly cut. A fire-arms awed the Japanese and after was attracted to the that it was not such a difficult matter taught two in a room in aboard the bark Ceylon where Captain vessel at the time of the trouble. The number of Japanese were Willer took charge of them, thirtysofficer off duty heard the eight in all, and put them below beuting and rushed to the tween decks and placed them under

last night from the white men.

RESULT OF CONSPIRACY.

War has been declared, waged and last Japanese who started all the trodble. They are supposed to have hatched a conspiracy. One of the men ; articularly, is known to be a troublesom: rived in port yesterday afternoon on character and it was he who urged the others to rise up against the white men. This leader told the other Japan-The dead, Japanese, leaders of the ese all kinds of fanciful tales about idea that since Hawaii had become a Territory of the United States and Laysan Island belonged to the American citizens and were free of all engagements which they might have made to work guano on Laysan Island. Capt, Willer, master of the bark Ceylon, there with stores, that the insurrection

When interviewed outside the harbor, abourd the Ceylon yesterday by an Advertiser reporter, Captain Joe Spencer, "King of Laysan Island," had the following to say

Three days after we arrived at Laysan on the Ceylon, the luna of the Japanese, Tanaka by name, came to my house and told me that the Japanese. were going to 'pull down the house and make us all sore.' I saw there was trouble coming and prepared myself on the defensive. I don't know whether Tanaka was siding with the Japanese or with our people. I didn't trust him

much but just the same he warned me. This was on Saturday, August 11th. and that night about \$ o'clock, the Japanese having collected in a mob, flags flying, armed with cutlames and one thing and another we went to the platform about halfway between our house and the Japanese quarters to pacify them if possible. My son was with me and so was Captain Splither and Luhrs, the engineer. We were armed with revolvers-six shooters. I had two weapons, one in either hand. The Japanese dared us to come out and fight them and made various threats about doing us up. I shouted gut that form would be killed. 'Shoot away!' fiends, cursing us and threatening our

THEN I BLAZED AWAY.

"The first two Japanese to reach the platform were the leaders, those who had had the most to say and who had made the threats against our lives. signal from the leader, charged all ing the situation I was determined to along with us between decks with the two men remaining on the Island now. my son and Luhrs, the engineer. A man must defend his life. We had no were the only law and government on people on the Island." the Island and we defended ourselves. I acted just as I would act anywhere class. I defended my life and the life of my wife when they were threatened."

only other white man ashore besides Captain Spencer, his son, Captain Spil- Island. ner and the engineer was the carpenter. | Chillingworth continued to question too old and feeble to render any assist- Captain Spencer The foregoing is the story gathered ance. Mrs. Spencer, although she had

After the shooting occurred the Japanese left the white men in peace, be-

husband was naturally very great and

she lay in hiding in the grass all of a tremble waiting for definite news of the

JAPANESE MADE PRISONERS.

outcome of the struggle.

ing thoroughly frightened at the death of two of their comrades and the wounding of three others. The next day, armed with revolvers, the white men rounded up the Japanese and took them aboard the Ceylon. Captain Spencer thought it best to get to Honolulu as soon as possible and inasmuch as there were no laborers to load the Ceylon, Captain Willer was naturally the Japanese were rounded up they were taken aboard the bark. Once aboard the vessel Captain Willer, being naster of the vessel, took charge of the prisoners. He stood at the gangway with a drawn revolver and made each Japanese as he came aboard deliver up clubs were in this way taken from the prisoners and stowed away in the cabin

and brought to Honolulu. The thirtyeight prisoners, including the three wounded, were put below between decks and kept there under guard. They were closely watched and none of them were allowed on deck during the night time and only a certain number at a time were permitted to come up out of the hold during the day. They were well treated on the passage from men with guns and were fired upon, amount of work.

Laysan and the three wounded were Two of their number being killed and in the battle of well taken care of. The Ceylon sailed three wounded. They became frightenfrom Laysan on the 16th of August and nothing of particular interest occurred on the voyage to port. The prisoners Hawailan Islands, they were all any ropes left hanging in the hold. The passage was a calm one and no water-

POLICE GO ABOARD. About midday yesterday the Ceylon Captain Brokaw of the tug Fearless, you, Captain Spencer's all right." he sent a communication ashore to the vessel's agents stating what had occurred and asking that the police be notified and that a squad of policemen be the wharf and Deputy Sheriff Chillingworth with four policemen jumped out and went aboard the Fearless. The representative of H. Hackfeld & Co., agents for the Ceylon, and Dr. Avertug, as did also an Advertiser reporter. The Fearless picked up the pilot on the way out. It took very little time for the smart towboat to reach the Ceylon being the only prisoner. which was lying only a little way outside the mouth of the harbor. When within about a hundred yards of the back the pilot boat was brought alongside the tug and Deputy Sheriff Chillengworth, the four policemen, the rope ladder hung over the side. Hurriedly they scrambled aboard for at what extent the police were needed.

A CONFUSION OF TONGUES.

Deputy Sheriff Chillingworth wore a dangerous looking shooting machine ST NEGLECT TOUR EYES, you tain Spencer headed the white men. Then I biazed away. Our lives were in strapped on his left hip and on the belts danger. The infurlated Japanese were of the four stalwart native policemen evidently intent upon murdering us all. glistened many highly polished handplatform shall die!" shouted Captain if they succeeded in killing us what cuffs. A strange confusion reigned would have become of my wife. Might aboard for the first few moments after they not have killed her also? Realiz- the police were over the side. Chilling- the number who went down last trip Chinese instinct for making money reworth darted round trying to get in a together for the platform. Though they fight to the last. I thought it very few words what the trouble was. Someprobable that I would be killed. I took | body pointed down the hatchway where as careful alm as possible in the dark- the cowering Japanese were prisoners, times his revolvers spoke and they ness and fired eight shots, one right af- saying: "There are the murderers!"

tions fired at the little company which rest of the Japanese. There are only gathered at the side to meet the police. the agents and reporter.

"Well! they didn't exactly murder anybody," was the answer, "but they one to look to except ourselves. We did their level best to kill all the white

Then Captain Spencer was questioned and it was learned that they were Japaffese who were killed and that the white men had done their killing in de-Captain Willer of the bark Ceylon, fending themselves. Everybody conhis wife and little son, the officers and cerned in the matter was aboard except Island and the engineer and Captain

when the Ceylon left Honorard not things were progressing that she crept long ago with stores for Laysan Island. She carried ten Japanese to be added to the laboring force on the Island. Action the chinese interpreters who specific the interpreters who specific the laboring force on the chinese interpreters who specific the interpreters who specific the interpreters who specific the interpreters cause the laboring dialect, the interpreters cause the laboring than otherwise. Captain Spencer will appear before The fact is that the Japanese think that conding to all accounts it was these fired ber anxiety as to the safety of her and three were wounded. It was a morning at 9:30 o'clock.

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matter of life and death and we had our lives to defend." "YOU ARE UNDER ARREST."

Captain Spilner was also questioned. He said that he had done some shooting, as well as Captain Spencer; he didn't know whether he had killed anybody or not. "Captain Spencer and you, Captain Spilner," said Deputy Sheriff Chillingworth, "will please consider yourselves in my custody—you are under arrest." It is understood that later Captain Spilner denied having had anything to do with the shooting. The prisoners below were examined and found to be in good condition, having, apparently, been well cared for on the voyage. The three wounded were not in a serious plight. Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Willer sat aft and viewed the proceedings with anxlous interest. Mrs. Spencer doesn't want to go back to Laysan Island. She say she's had enough of it. She is a brave woman but expected that her husband would be surely killed in the tussle with the Japanese. The memory of that awful night still haunts her, and even old Captain Spencer's voice shook with suppressed excitement when he related the stirring experiences of the night of August 11th.

The Ceylon was towed inside the harbor by the Fearless and was anchored in the stream near the lighthouse. Chillingworth then left her in charge of perfectly willing to come home. As four policemen with orders to allow nobody ashore or aboard.

JAPANESE EXAMINED. Later in the evening some of the Jap-They allege they had no idea of creating any disturbance whatever, and that they were suffering for want of rice and water, and that several times they successive times, according to their aced then and ran away.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Last night, after the examination of created no trouble on board, indeed the Japanese at the police station, High they didn't have a chance to. There Sheriff A. M. Brown issued a warrant the call, and carried drinking-water in were no ladders allowed during the for the arrest of Captain Spencer on a barrels, which were each shouldered by night into the between-decks nor were charge of murder in the first degree, two men, as other means of conveyance Officer Hanrahan went aboard to serve was impossible. They offered an easy the warrant. The thirty-five Japanese target for the Chinese, and many fell rioters were then taken ashore, where either dead or wounded. The officers in was taken aboard so that the prison- they were looked after. None of them command speak very highly of the efers below were comfortable and not are under arrest. Mrs. Spencer is much ficient service done by these men. troubled by any inclemency of the agitated over the unexpected turn af- The American ambulance corps has weather or anything else. The Ceylon fairs have taken. She can't realize done some excellent work. Their stretch-that her husband should be arrested on ers are the best in the field and show the a charge of murder for defending his wonderful inventive faculty of the American fairs have taken. She can't realize done some excellent work. Their stretch-that her husband should be arrested on ers are the best in the field and show the a charge of murder for defending his wonderful inventive faculty of the American fairs have taken. She can't realize done some excellent work. Their stretch-that her husband should be arrested on ers are the best in the field and show the acharge of murder for defending his wonderful inventive faculty of the American fairs have taken. She can't realize done some excellent work. Their stretch-that her husband should be arrested on ers are the best in the field and show the acharge of murder for defending his controlled that her husband should be arrested on ers are the best in the field and show the acharge of murder for defending his controlled that her husband should be arrested on ers are the best in the field and show the acharge of murder for defending his controlled that her husband should be arrested on ers are the best in the field and show the acharge of murder for defending his controlled that her husband should be arrested on the field and show the acharge of murder for defending his controlled that her husband should be arrested on the field and show the acharge of murder for defending his controlled that the field and show the acharge of murder for defending his controlled that the field and show the acharge of murder for defending his controlled that the field and show the acharge of murder for defending his controlled that the field and show the acharge of murder for defending his controlled that the field and show the acharge of murder for defending his controlled that the field and show the fiel was off port, lying to with just her jibs there on the platform at the head of as beds or benches for surgical operations. and topsalls on her. As soon as Cap- the little company of Your men, defend- The advantage of the system cannot be

CAPTAIN SPENCER.

experience of fifty years at sea. He is invention. Sixty men were thus treated over seventy years of age. He is an directly where they fell who would have sent out to the bark. The tug Fearless old kamaaina here and well known otherwise died. The Japanese medical waited ready at the naval wharf for both in these Islands and on the Coast, staff refer to the fact in the most praisethe coming of the police. Shortly after He has passed through many adven- worthy terms. 4 o'clock the patrol wagon dashed onto tures, but declares he has never met anything like facing the forty Japan- the proceedings of the various troops in ese armed as they were with improvised the field is reported to have remarked that cutlasses and knives.

Tanaka, the luna of the Japanese, ance under all circumstances. when quest oned aboard the Ceylon by cool, whether in action of out of it. The Chillingworth, first admitted and then French are full of dash and gallantry, dam, manager of the Pacific Guano and denied that he had told Captain Spen- but they lack the lasting perseverance of Fertilizer Company, also boarded the cer that the Japanese intended to at- the English. The French are fine comtack him.

Spilner, formerly captain of the mounted patrol in Honoiulu, is no long- Russians and Japanese fired upon each

has, by this time, arrived at Laysan ualties, though according to the latest ad-Island. She took down ten Japanese to vices it was they who opened fire first. help load the Ceylon. The Aloha will The cause of the blunder is attributed to find only the two white men on the the different uniforms worn by the Rusisland. She will probably load guano sians. before returning here. The Laysan Is- The Russians at Tongku Station conagents and the Advertiser reporter land business is controlled by the Pa- tinue to welcome the arrival of the Japjumped in and were pulled off to the cific Guano and Fertilizer Company, H. anese troops. When the 41st arrived they starboard-side of the Ceylon where a Hackfeld & Co., agents. Captain Spen-struck up the "Kimi-ga-yo" and gave cer looked after the business on the is- them a good send-off. This friendly feelland. He has been there off and on for ing on the part of the Russians is highly several years and has never before had appreciated by the Japanese. just that time it was not known ex- any trouble with the Japanese. On the actly what had been going on and to night after the shooting, none of the tended to the Chinese, the Japanese find white people went to bed, but stayed up no difficulty in commandeering them in armed and ready, fully expecting another attack by the Japanese.

SAY HE WANTED TO RULE. Ceylon that the Japanese supposed to and are perfectly free to go when they be the cause of all the trouble went to please. Mostly the coolies are engaged in Laysan Island with the idea of getting burying the dead. The influential Chinese, possession, and that he began to work moreover, are made to bear a part of the among the laborers to this end immediately on his arrival. He was one of on the Ceylon, and was one of the two mains the same, whether treated kindly

ion all night in charge of Captain Spen. matter of special favor to the Japanese! cer. This morning Captain Spencer will be brought ashore. Mrs. Spencer is be on the increase. There are as many "Whom did they murder? Was it a violently ill owing to the shock. The old as 412 patients down with it, two-thirds white man? Is the body aboard? captain, however, is calm, and only of whom are Japanese. The wounded are buried on Laysan Island, the wounded. Which of them did the killing or was it worries for his wife. He declares his doing exceptionally well, and up to the who are getting well now, we brought all of them?" were some of the ques- innocence of any wrong doing and is present only live have succumbed to their selves out.

JAPS DECLARE INNOCENCE,

leylon; it was impossible to get anything out of the Japanese aboard ship. At an early hour this morning it was Japanese quarters in the walled city learned at the police station that the Generals Fukushima and Yamaguchi read Japanese upon examination declared before the shrine papers extolling the their innocence of rioring or wrong doing, and said that they were tion, and whose spirits the living assimply imploring the white men for sembled to condole. The men present food and drink when they were shot were overcome with emotion, and their down in cold blood. It was rumored eyes glistened with tears, The two offito round them up and put them all crew of the Ceylon were all aboard the two Japanese left dead on Laysan that their varous allegations bore out cers emphasised the fact that the bravery this testimony. They seemed perfectly Spencer's son who had remained on the at ease last night, and confident that Japan's military prestige, and that nothing all would be well with them. They are would more satisfy their spirits than that

tifully supplied with food. The Ceylon is the vessel which ceremony. Afterwards wrestling bouts "The whole forty of them rose up, re- brought the crew of the wrecked bark were arranged, in which many privates been told by her husband to stay with- fused to work, threatened our lives, McNear back from Laysan Island. The participated. in doors when the trouble was anmade a rush at us to kill us evidently, wreck of the McNear has drifted from "he lack of efficient interpreters for the
ticipated, was so anxious to know how as they were armed, while we were tryDowsett Elect to Laysan Island. Cap- army is felt. Probably, with the excep-When the Ceylon left Honolulu not things were progressing that she crept ing to pacify them," sald Captain Spen- tain Johnson, formerly master of the Con of the Chinese interpreters who speak

EASTERN CRISIS

Comments On The Troubles In China.

FORCES COMPARED

Joaquin Miller Interviews Li Hung Chang----Hongkong's Narrow Escape.

YOKOHAMA, Aug. 27.-The Japanese army in North China is not employing coolies except where absolutely necesanese prisoners were brought ashore sary. They were found costly in the to the police station and examined, late war, and took some time to drill so that they might work in unison with his weapons. Knives, cutlasses and at no time did they threaten the lives the movements of the troops. They had of the white men. Their story is that to be treated exactly like soldiers as regards medical aid and so forth, their pay sent to Captain Spencer for these was, as a matter of fact, higher than that necessaries. Each time they were re- of the privates. The commissariat departfused, they say. They sent Tanaka, ment has been entirely extended in its their luna, for the food and drink six scope within the last few years. The recount. At last, driven to desperation, sult is said to be very gratifying from they were on their way to Captain the economical point of view as well as Spencer's house in a body to ask for from the military standpoint. The transwere met on the platform by the white port soldiers are doing an incredible large

In the battle of July 13th at Tien-Tsin, the men in the fighting-line suffered terribly from thirst, and word was repeatedly sent to the rear for water. The com-

mob of forty men. "Four men fighting so arranged that they can be formed into forty," says Captain Willer of the Cey- supports by a clever mechanical contrivlon, "and Captain Spencer standing up ance, so that the stretchers can be used tain Willer could communicate with ing the lives of all like a man. I tell too much commended, for on ground so swampy or hot as the soil of Chih-li the wounded men cannot safely lie long pending treatment on the spot, and this in-Captain Spencer is a skipper with an convenience is removed by the American

A Japanese staff officer, who watched the English showed considerable perseverrades in the field.

In the deplorable mistake in which the er under arrest, Captain Spencer now other at Petong, a little town not far south of Taku, four Russians were killed It is probable that the schooner Aloha and wounded. The Japanese had no cas-

Thanks to the humane treatment ex-

The Chinese bring fowls, their service. pigs, vegetables, etc., to the Japanese camps and offer their services. The Chi-It is said by some of the crew of the nese coolies receive 40 to 50 sen per day. tilled in the attack on the white men, or not. For one egg, worth one sen or so, A police officer staid aboard the Cey- they demand 10 to 15 sen, and that as a

The cases of dysentery are reported to willing to let matters straighten them- wounds. In order to l'ahten the presente on the field hospitals, the patients are ing sent back to Japan as rapid as sible. The want of drinking-water gr at-

The above story was gathered almost ly interferes with the movements of the ntirely from the white men aboard the troops, and it is not an easy affair to transport water for a large body of men. A big religious ceremony was held in the other virtues of the brave men who died in acshown by the fallen men added lustre to being well looked after and were plen- the living should strive to surpass them in heroic deeds. It was a most impressive

The lack of efficient interpreters for the